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Webb McNall Is Dead

Webb McNall, who died at his home in Gaylord, last Friday, was well known to many Osborne people. Webb was a great character. Possessed of practical no education, he was able to hold his own in debate with the strongest men of the state. He went to Smith county in 1871 and the advance in the price of land made him wealthy. He was a companionable and genial fellow and thousands of people over this part of Kansas will regret to hear that he is no more.

"Old Fluke" always played an important part in every campaign in which McNall was interested in recent years. "Old Fluke" was a horse owned by McNall. It seemed that McNall was a deputy sheriff in Smith county in the early days and one time he put in a account for the service of subpoenas that looked out of proportion to the time in which the service could be performed. In order to do the work it appeared that he had to ride "Old Fluke" about a thousand miles a day. And so McNall with his trusty steed became about as famous as Sheridan's dash to Winchester. So thrilling was his ride that it drove Frank J. J. to write the following "poem" on the affair:

Listen, my children, I'll tell you all of the wonderfu ride of Webb McNall; of his old horse "Fluke," with his lightning speed, a horse of wonderful power and breed. "Twas in Smith county in days old, that Webb and "Fluke" made the ride so bold. A case was called in the court out there, and people in facts were needed to swear. It matters not now what case was tried, that lost importance compared with the ride of Webb and "Fluke" o'er the prairie bare. In their natural haste as they cleft the air, Subpoenas were issued, an awful lot; how many there were I've now forgot. "How," said the judge as he stroked his chin, "can these writs be served in time to begin?" Then up spoke Webb in a positive tone: "I'll serve em alone; for my trusty Fluke so true and game will carry me swift o'er valley and plain." He took the writs and mounted his steed and started forth with incredible speed. O'er gulch and hill and valley and slough they started forth and old "Fluke" flew. They traveled the country round about and woke the farmers with neigh and shout. They scattered subpoenas over the plain; "Fluke" went so fast that Webb never drew rein. They finished their job, and did it brown, and, fresh as ever, struck back to town. Then Webb called out for paper and quill, and squaring himself, made out a great bill. His bill strung out so heavy and long, the court officials thought something was wrong. "Webb," said the judge, as he shed a tear "now ain't you putting this rather dear?" "Why no," said Webb, in an injured tone, "you want to remember, ain't me alone, for there's my 'Fluke' the speedy old nag. 'Old Fluke' comes in for a share of the swag." Well, they paid the bill—an awful sum; 'twas more than twenty horses could well have run, and over the country far and wide, they talked and marveled about the great ride. How did they do it; God knows on high. Some say "Old Fluke" was able to fly. If he really did fly that night, they all admit 'twas a grand old flight. And in Smith county, to this day yet, when there comes a day that is dreary and wet, the loafers delight to tell all of the wonderful ride of Webb McNall.—Osborne Farmer.

WEATHER REPORT

Maximum and minimum temperature according to the government thermometer at Wa-Keeney for the week ending Wednesday noon.

	MAX	MIN
Thursday	88	66
Friday	90	63
Saturday	94	61
Sunday	91	59
Monday	95	60
Tuesday	101	64
Wednesday	90	60

About three-fourth of an inch of rain fell here Tuesday evening.

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REEDER TALKS OF ISSUES THAT CONFRONT VOTERS

Congressman Reeder blew in from the Sixth district today, looking as young and full of fight as he did ten years ago. He is feeling fine about the last session of congress and has nothing for which to apologize this year. He is sure that he will win the nomination again. "Men call it luck," Reeder said, "but they do not stop to think of all the hard work that must accompany that luck if a man is to get anywhere in this world." Speaking of the issues that confront the Kansas voters and the causes that go to make these issues Mr. Reeder said:

"The people of Kansas are close to the most important election that has occurred in recent years; I refer to the approaching primary election on August 2nd. At this time the Republicans of Kansas will cast their votes in favor of sustaining President Taft, by nominating Republicans for office and making a fight this fall to defeat the Democrats, and retain our present splendid agricultural and commercial conditions, or on the other hand, they will at this primary election abandon the president and the policies for which he stands and turn the country over to Democratic rule, by nominating a ticket composed of the so-called 'square deal' or 'progressive' Republicans."

INSURGENTS NOT REPUBLICANS.

"There might have been some doubt in the minds of the average citizen as to what the progressive or insurgent Republican leaders stood for in the last election; there is no room for doubt longer; the record of their senators and members of congress on all national questions of the greatest importance to the welfare of the people, show that they are absolutely in opposition to the president and the Republican party in all votes taken. The time has come for the people of Kansas and the American people to know that the insurgent is not a Republican, but retains the name to hold for himself a vantage ground, from which to strike down the great policies and principles of the party, in which and for which he has no longer any sympathy. In plain words, the progressive Republican insurgent leader thinks as a Democrat, believes as a Democrat, and he is a Democrat, and the people of this country should no longer be deceived or misled by him, if they sincerely desire to uphold the hands of President Taft, and Republican policies."

"I am unaware that this is a plain talk, and that it will cause a howl of complaint to go up from these men, who have violated and outraged every rule of decency and political fairness,

that I am reading them out of the Republican party. I answer that these men composing only a small fragment of the leaders of the Republican party, and who, because they can not rule, would ruin the party, can not be read out of the party; as a result of their own political perfidy they are now outside of the lines of the Republican organization. How can a man be a Republican and consort continually with our common enemy, the Democrats? How can the progressive Republican leaders satisfactorily explain their Republicanism when they denounce the leader of the Republican party, President, Taft and oppose tooth and nail the very legislation that he desires and which was pledged to the people in the party platform? It may be that men like Dolliver and LaFollette, and lesser lights of their ilk, who fight the Republican administration and 90 per cent of the present Republican congress constitute what be considered good Republicans, but I refuse to believe that the people of this country will accept them as such; this is one of the questions that will be decided at the coming primary in August. No one is going to read these gentlemen out of the party, but the fact that they are so continually called upon to explain to the people as to their Democratic proclivities, shows only too plainly to the thinking man that they are already out.

TOO LATE TO CAMPAIGN.

"I shall get home too late to make much of a campaign against my progressive opponents. Public interests and the legislative program desired by the president, compelled me to stay in Washington in order to prevent the progressive Democrats and Republicans from defeating the legislation that the country had commissioned the Republican party to enact.

Kansas is on the high divides of her greatest prosperity. Since McKinley was inaugurated president of this great county, and banished three million of idle men and the soup houses from the land, and ushered in a prosperity the like of which the world up to that date had never seen, our country has continued to expand, and add yearly to its enormous wealth. The present Republican delegation in congress from Kansas, have witnessed their great state rise from poverty to riches so great that she now stands second in per capita wealth of the great states of the Union; our farms have increased from three hundred to ten hundred per cent in value, our banks are full of farmers' money and the farmers' feed lots are turning out meat products, at a price that may well startle the world; surely the farmer has his 'innings' now; will he in the face of present conditions, give aid and comfort to this misbranded order of Republicans who are now rocking the Republican boat and attempting to restore the Populist yard stick, that measured the prices of all the farmers' commodities when a similar collection of demagogues, had control of Kansas some since?

"I believe that the people of Kansas, while they are like all Americans, fond of sensations, are in the last analysis a thinking people, and that they are by a large majority in favor of the great policy of protection. The farmer knows that the reason that he again came into his own and received the high dollar under the administration of McKinley, was because the Dingley tariff law opened the thousands of great factories of the country and put the idle men at work at a protected wage, and that these men thereby were able to again set the American break-

fast table, loaded with the products of the farm.

"The farmer, when making up his mind how to vote must not forget that the dining table of the well paid working man is his great market. As the the Dingley law brought under President McKinley our prosperity, so will it continue under the Payne tariff law, if the people will stand by it and not allow the business interests of the country to be torn to pieces by the progressive Republican leaders who no longer believe in the great policy of protection, but would turn the country over again to free trade and Democratic rule.

"Whether the people of Kansas defeat the present Republican delegation in congress from their state for renomination, matters little to the men who compose it; their personal defeat would affect but a small circle of their immediate friends but to defeat what these men stand for and withdraw their support from President Taft, would be a national calamity. In the coming primary campaign I write no platform, neither do I make my campaign by defaming and attempting to discredit my own political party.

"I am one of those good old fashioned Republicans, that believe that Kansas is a Republican state, and that she believes in President Taft and the great policy of protection, under which she has grown rich, during the past decade. I do not believe when I review the glorious record of its achievement of the past ten years, that the Republican party owes Kansas or any other state of this great union any apology for what it has done. I am willing to stand or fall, go up or down, standing by our great president, and the record of the party."—Topeka State Journal.

Special Lecture Sunday Night

Rev. A. L. Morse, of Chicago, a noted lecturer and preacher, will lecture at a union service, the churches co-operating, at the



REV. A. L. MORSE

court house auditorium, Sunday night, on the subject of "The Battle of Life." This is a special service to which all are cordially invited. He will sing original songs and illustrate with original cartoons.

Carnival Next Week

Next week will be carnival week in Wa-Keeney. The S. W. Brundage Carnival company will be here with several new features including some splendid circus acts in the Coliseum, an attraction which will practically be all new this year.

Zeldo Bunker, a female impersonator of national fame will amuse the people in the Roman theatre, being assisted in the program by Master Leeen, a novelty juggler, and Capt. and Madam Ward with their troupe of performing canines.

Illumino, a daring artist, will put on the free act, that of walking a high electric wire charged with 2000 volts of electricity.

Come prepared to have a good time and take in the many shows, Ferris wheel and merry-go-round.

The merriment starts next Monday and lasts the entire week.

For Superintendent

At the solicitation of her many friends, Mrs. Eva Jones has concluded to make the race for reelection for the office of county superintendent of Trego county. Mrs. Jones had intended to let some other person make the race if they saw fit, and as no one seems to care to make the run she has decided to try her fortunes again for this important office. As her name will not appear on the official ballot she wants all her friends to write her name in on the ballot. Mrs. Jones has served the people of Trego county as superintendent for over a year and her work has been of such a nature that she is deserving of a second term and as no one applied for the job or even wanted to make the race we think it would be well if the voters would see to it that she is returned to this important office for another term.

Struck by Lightning

Last Tuesday afternoon a heavy thunder storm passed over Banner accompanied by lightning. Thos. O'Toole who was working four horses was in the act of unhitching them when a bolt of lightning struck him knocking him senseless and when he regained consciousness he was lying alongside of three dead horses. He was taken to his home which was only a short distance and Dr. Jones was called. Mr. O'Toole is confined to his bed with his hand paralyzed and complains of pains in his back. It was a miracle that he was not killed outright. We hope Tom will make a speedy recovery from so sudden a shock.

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